

**State Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 3, 2014**  
**4:30pm – 7:00pm**  
**NH Department of Education**  
**Room 15**

***Meeting Minutes***

**In Attendance:** Bonnie Dunham (Chair), Maureen Tracey, Janet Reed, Mary Ellen Pantazis, Donna Curtin, Patrick Curtin, Karen Rosenberg, Tom Grinley, Kerri-Lynn Kimner, Lynda Thistle-Elliott, Joan Holleran, Kestrel Cole-McCrea, Candace Cole-McCrea, Sue Marcotte-Jenkins, Heidi Cloutier, Audrey Burke, Lynn Clough, Mackenzie Burke, Daniel Ward, Mike Pinard

**Guests:** Kathleen (Kitty) Letts, NH State Prison, Maura Hart, SWIFT, Santina Thibedeau, Administrator, Bureau of Special Education

**Agenda Item I: Welcome**

- Bonnie began the meeting at 4:35pm. Attendees introduced themselves.
- Bonnie nominated a new SAC member: Kitty Letts, as a representative of the State Prison System (seconded by Keri-Lynn)
- Review of the November Meeting Minutes
  - Corrections to November Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept/approve (Maureen) seconded (Janet)
    - Candace is spelled with a C not a K
  - All in favor of accepting as revised
- No Public Comment

**Agenda Item II: Guest Speaker**

- Dr. Maura Hart of SWIFT (School Wide Integrated Framework for Transformation) and how the State is supporting school districts in achieving an “All Means All” approach to inclusive education

**Agenda Item III: Update from the Bureau of Special Education**

Santina

- Updated on the input from SAC regarding the Request for the Proposal on the Independent Evaluator.
- The Bureau of Special Education is preparing for the submission of the State Performance Plan (SPP) due February 1, 2015.
- Governor and Council has approved the funding for Granite State College to implement a teacher preparation program for students who are blind and visually impaired as well as students who are deaf and hard of hearing student.
- The New Hampshire Department of Education is moving forward with Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) as the alternate assessment to begin in the Spring of 2015.

#### **Agenda Item IV: Old Business**

Janet Reed discussed proposed language for RSA 189:6(c), Pupils Transported in a mixed use school bus. Janet talked about a meeting with stakeholders and the Department of Safety regarding a change in the Department of Safety administrative rules for mixed use school buses.

Janet will provide more information to the group, which would include the summary of the issue, original language of the statute and one or two bullet on what the SAC should consider.

#### **Agenda Item V: Subcommittees**

- Bonnie reviewed each subcommittee list of members
- The subcommittee met briefly
- The Secondary Transition Subcommittee reported out-
  - Short term goals for the subcommittee
    - Survey, presentations, collaboration with SRC
- The Absent Parent/At risk children reported out-
  - Working on the goals of this subcommittee. There may be a speaker at the January meeting.
- The School Boards and Other Key Stakeholders are Well-Informed reported out-
  - Short term goal for educating school boards about funding avenues, where reimbursement for special education services go

#### **Agenda Item VII: New Business, Emerging Issues, Announcements, Current Events, Public Comments**

- Donna Curtin spoke about a demonstration for Smarter Balance. Donna also spoke about a video she created about learning styles. Donna would like to present the video at the January meeting.
- Bonnie announced that she is giving a free workshop on "Around the Special Education World in One Day" this Saturday. She invited members of SAC to attend but they would have to register.
- Maureen is part of the LEAD program and creating a survey as part of this program. She passed out the survey or members could participate on line.

#### **Agenda Item VI: Adjourn**

- Daniel made the motion to adjourn, Heidi seconded the motion
- Next Meeting is January 7, 2014 (snow date January 14, 2014)